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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)	Group Art:	1502
	Van Voris)		
Serial No.:	08/771,467)	Examiner:	N. Levy
Filed:	December 20, 1996)))	Attorney Docket:	BTEL:025 (B1075-F2C2)
Title:	Method and Device for Protection of Wooden Objects Proximate Soil from Pest Invasion)))		MAR 23 1990
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO PATENT OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated December 22, 1997, please amend the applications as specified and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 25, line 1 after "metallized" add --polyethylene terephthalate--; on page 25, line 1 after "or" add --poly(vinylidene chloride)--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of making a [controlled release] device <u>for controlled release of at least one pesticide</u> useful for retarding or preventing decay or deterioration of a wooden object [from a pest] <u>by pests</u>, the method [having] <u>comprising</u> the steps of:

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